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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Recent Developments Affecting Immediate Use of Navy Carrier for [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : Memo for DDCI from DAD/OSA, Dated 2 July 1963;  
Subject: "Prospective Use of Navy Carrier to Meet  
Priority Reconnaissance Requirement in the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 2876-61)

1. Since dictating the referenced document upon my return from [REDACTED], I have learned that the results of the most recent CORONA mission over [REDACTED] are sufficiently encouraging to perhaps reduce the immediate requirement for an operation such as that I have suggested in the reference. I believe the COMOR is considering downgrading the need for immediate [REDACTED] coverage in the light of the CORONA shot.

2. If this is true, and if the requirement for coverage of the [REDACTED] can be satisfied in the same general way, then the requirement which I have made in the reference should be viewed in the light of establishing a contingency capability to operate from the "Independence" or other United States carriers from the attack (CVA) class until such time as we are able to develop a fully qualified launch and retrieve capability with the IDEALIST vehicle. Separate report will be submitted shortly on the longer range carrier conversion problem. You may be interested to know, however, that planning for such carrier conversion is moving ahead under encouraging circumstances, with the tentative prospect that we will be able to have a two-aircraft launch and retrieve capability on the order of 1 February 1964.

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